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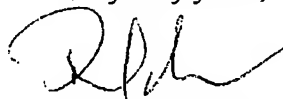
Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/018,020
Our Reference: NGB.076

Dear Examiner Tsang Foster:

Enclosed is an Amendment, which is responsive to the October 17, 2003 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



Phillip E. Miller

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